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**PART II**



**SECRETARIAT OF THE KERALA LEGISLATURE**

**NOTIFICATION**

No. 3237/Legn. 2/2007/Leg.

*Thiruvananthapuram, 25th September, 2007.*

The Kerala Farmers' Debt Relief Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2007 together with the Statement of Objects and Reasons and the Financial Memorandum is published, under Rule 69 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Kerala Legislative Assembly.

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*Secretary,*  
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**Twelfth Kerala Legislative Assembly**

**Bill No. 136**

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**THE KERALA FARMERS’ DEBT RELIEF COMMISSION  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2007**

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*BILL*

*to amend the Kerala Farmers’ Debt Relief Commission Act, 2006.*

*Preamble.—*WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala consider it necessary to enhance the representation of farmers in the Kerala Farmers’ Debt Relief Commission so as to make its functioning more efficient and to complete within the specified period;

BE, it enacted in the Fifty-eighth year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Kerala Farmers’ Debt Relief Commission (Amendment) Act, 2007.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on 22nd day of May, 2007.

2. *Amendment of section 3.*—In sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Kerala Farmers’ Debt Relief Commission Act, 2006 (1 of 2007).—

(1) for the words “five members”, the words “seven members” shall be substituted;

(2) in item (iii), for the words “two representatives of farmers” the words “four representatives of farmers” shall be substituted.

3. *Repeal and Saving.*—(1) The Kerala Farmers' Debt Relief Commission (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007 (57 of 2007) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the provisions of the Principal Act as amended by the said ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the Principal Act as amended by this Act.

#### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Government consider it necessary to enhance the representation of farmers in the Kerala Farmers' Debt Relief Commission so as to make its functioning more efficient and to complete within the specified period.

2. Whereas the Legislative Assembly of the State of Kerala was not in session and circumstances existed which render it necessary to make immediate legislation to give effect to the above proposal, the Governor of Kerala has promulgated the Kerala Farmers' Debt Relief (Amendment) Ordinance 2007 (41 of 2007) on the 22nd day of May 2007 and the same was published in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 948 dated the 22nd May, 2007.

3. A bill to replace Ordinance No. 41 of 2007 could not be introduced in and passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly during its session which commenced on the 19th day of June, 2007 and ended on the 26th day of July, 2007. Therefore the Kerala Farmers' Debt Relief Commission (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007 (57 of 2007) was promulgated by the Governor on the 30th day of July, 2007 and was published in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1417 dated the 30th July, 2007.

4. The bill seeks to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature.

**FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM**

Clause 2 of the Bill provides to enhance the number of members in the Commission from five to seven amending section 3 of the Kerala Farmers' Debt Relief Commission Act. 2006. The Commission shall be a body having perpetual succession and the members requires honorarium and travelling allowance and daily allowance.

2. The Bill if enacted and brought into operation the Government have to provide fund to meet the necessary expenses for the effective functioning of the Commission. But the actual amount required for the purpose could not be accurately estimated at present. Even then under the item of Honorarium at the rate of Rs. 10,000 per month for a member and for two members for a year 240,000 in addition to that travelling allowance and daily allowance have to be given. The minimum average of the recurring and non recurring expenses expecting annually is as follows:—

Recurring Expenditure	..	Rs. 20,00,000
Non-recurring Expenditure	..	<u>Rs. 8, 00, 000</u>
Total		<u>Rs. 28,00,000</u>

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